

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Marc David Abrahams

Express Mail Certificate No. EL307230956US

Serial No.:

n/a

Filed:

Herewith

For:

METHOD AND APPARATUS

FOR FINGERPRINT

AUTHENTICATION DURING ON-LINE TRANSACTIONS

Group Art

Unit:

Not Yet Assigned

Examiner(s): Not Yet Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is being made with the filing date of the aboveidentified patent application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

1.97(b)(1), and thus, no fee is due for its submission.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. 1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all references known by Applicants or Applicants' representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicants' representative hereby provides this Information Disclosure Statement that is

IDS Docket No. 66181 Page 2

prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.98 and includes Form PTO-1449 with four references.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the foregoing references and that they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

Although these documents are being made known to the Patent and Trademark Office in compliance with Applicant's duty of disclosure, such disclosure is not to be construed as an admission by Applicants or Applicants' representative that any of the references is effective as prior art against the subject application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a) exists.

Respectfully submitted,

FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY

By:

Richard E. Wawrzyniak Registration No. 36,048

May 19, 2000

Address all correspondence to:

FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY 120 So. LaSalle Street, Suite 1600 Chicago, Illinois 60603-3406 Telephone: (858) 552-1311